

## CITY OF BERKELEY

Memorandum

TO WILLIAM C. HANLEY, City Manager

DATE November 11, 1970

FROM B. R. BAKER, Chief of Police

SUBJECT: SUPPLEMENTAL REPORT ON BERKELEY POLICE DEPARTMENT COMMUNITY  
RELATIONS PROGRAMS

A resume of current and projected police department community relations programs was prepared earlier this year and distributed through your office to the City Council. It was emphasized in that summary report that all departmental personnel are involved to some degree in the implementation of the various programs described.

During the first ten months of this year, 192 members of the department made public appearances before many organizations and groups within the city; 39 tours of the Hall of Justice were conducted; 49 officers served as instructors in public schools, outside training academies, colleges, and universities; and 26 officers provided assistance in Berkeley public schools with the exception of Martin Luther King Junior High.

Thirty-four police-citizen workshops were conducted involving 658 members of the community, 68 officers, and 4 Community Service Assistants. There were also six camping or sailing trips conducted for juveniles during the summer that involved 29 youngsters, 8 officers, 3 Community Service Assistants, and the wife of a police officer. In addition, our Community Service Assistants conducted a crime absorption and community needs survey which brought them in direct contact with residents at 6,198 dwellings in every area in Berkeley.

Our "School Service Program" for Fall, 1970, was recently started with 13 officers volunteering to spend off-duty hours working with youngsters at the following schools: Columbus, Cragmont, Emerson, Franklin, Hillside, Jefferson, John Muir, Le Conte, Lincoln, Longfellow, Thousand Oaks, Washington, and Whittier. Work schedules necessitated by our current Recruit Training School have made it difficult for other interested officers to participate; however, with the close of this school additional officers are volunteering for the program. It is anticipated that the school program can be expanded in the near future to include all of our public schools.

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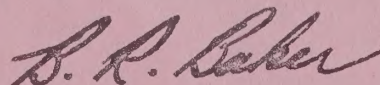
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The neighborhood workshops which have been so well received are continuing. There are already 11 workshops scheduled for November, with an additional 7 arranged for December and January. These get-togethers, which have been held in virtually every area of the community, provide an opportunity for the beat officer, his supervising Sergeant, and, when available, the platoon Lieutenant, to meet on a person-to-person basis with many concerned members of our community. They not only provide a vehicle for people to discuss neighborhood problems with their beat officer, but also provide a chain of communication to city government for dissatisfactions and/or suggested improvements that are outside the realm of police service. We continue to receive excellent cooperation from all city departments in implementing these suggestions.

A new activity was begun a short time ago when the West Berkeley YMCA requested the support of the police department in forming a flag football team that would participate in a YMCA league that encompasses the entire east bay area. The Berkeley Police Association contributed funds to purchase team uniforms and two officers - Clif Romig and Dan Dearth - volunteer their off-duty time to coach the team. An interesting side-light of this activity concerns the fact that the boys were allowed to select an appropriate uniform shirt emblem. Their choice was "B.P.D."

Although not directly related to the sworn peace officers of the department, I feel it worthy of mention that the Berkeley Police Reserve Officers initiated the sponsorship of a Berkeley Youth Baseball League team during the spring of this year. They fully intend to continue this worthwhile endeavor.

Other methods bringing our department closer to the community we serve are being considered continuously, and, as possible to do so, will be incorporated into our overall community relations program.



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